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[Despatch Abstract.]

Grow More Food - New Well Subsidy Scheme - 1948-49 - Extended.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Letter No.Ms.1081, dated 6-5-1948.

To

The Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Government of India, New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Grow More Food - New Well Subsidy Scheme - Extension of the scheme for 1948-49.

Ref: Letter No.1808 GE/46-18, Revenue, dated 1-3-1947 and Letter No.5250 E/47-4, Revenue, dated 8-12-1947.

I am directed to invite attention to the correspondence quoted above. This Government have since decided to extend the New Well Subsidy Scheme sanctioned in G.O.No.518,Revenue, dated 1-3-1947 (Communicated with letter dated 1-3-1947 quoted above) for another year, i.e., for 1948-49. A copy of G.O.No.1082 Revenue dated 6-5-1948 issued in the matter is enclosed.

2. Orders have since been issued in G.O.Ms.No. 436, Revenue, dated 27-2-1948 extending the benefit of the New Well Subsidy scheme to the Nilgiris District also.

3. With reference to the suggestions contained in the notes of discussion held by Sri S.Y.Krishnaswami with the officers of the Government of Madras on the Five Year Plan of the Grow more Food programme during 22-12-1947 to 24-12-1947 communicated with India's letter No...F.9-33-/47,GMF., Ministry of Agriculture, dated 22-1-1948.I am to state that the remarks of the Board of Revenue on the suggestions have been received and they are under the consideration of this Government.

4. The expenditure on the grant of subsidies is roughly estimated at Rs.1.50 crores and on the staff employed for the working of the scheme at Rs.0.10 crore. I am to request that the scheme may be approved by the Government of India and that a half-grant may be sanctioned towards expenditure under this Scheme.

Yours Obedient Servant
Sd/-xxxxxx,
5-3-1948.

Copy to the Board of Revenue.
Copy to the Accountant General through Finance.
Copy to the Finance Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
ABSTRACT
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GROW MORE FOOD - New Well subsidy Scheme - 1948-49 - Extended.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O.No. 1082 Dated 6-5-1948
READ - the following:

G.O.No.518, Revenue, dated 1-3-1947.

ORDER:-

The New Well Subsidy Scheme sanctioned in the G.O. read above has come to an end on 31-3-1948. The need to stimulate food production is still urgent. The Government, therefore, sanction the extension of the New Well Subsidy Scheme for another year from 1-4-1948.

2. The scheme will apply to all the districts of the Province except Madras, but only to areas where well irrigation is feasible and necessary and where ryots are anxious to avail themselves of the assistance offered.

3. In South Kanara and Malabar, the assistance under the Scheme will extend to the construction of new irrigation tanks and also to the repair or improvement of old ones. In the other districts, only new wells will be eligible for the assistance. Repairs to old wells are excluded from the scope of the scheme.

4. The amount of subsidy offered is 50% of the cost of the work subject to the maxima for the several districts mentioned below:-

Districts.	Maximum subsidy.
South Kanara and Malabar..	Rs.300 for new wells and Rs. 500 for tanks new and old.
Ceded Districts..	Rs. 750 for new wells.
Chittoor-Vayalpad, Madanapalle, Palmaner including Kuppam Zamindari and Punganur) taluks, Harichandrapuram, Peddakalathur villages in Tiruttani taluk.	-do-
Trichinopoly-Upland tract of Karur taluk comprising 2 firkas, Aravakurichi and Paramathi and villages of Kodanthur, Gudalur east, Gudalur-west, Nandanthai North, Nandanthai South, Soodamani, Prinjai Kalakurichi, Anaipalayam, Thumbivadi, T. Venkatapuram and Ariyur in Chinnadarapuram firks.	-do-
Ramnad-Srivilliputhur, Aruppukotai, Sivaganga, Sathur and Tirupathur taluks.	-do-
Nellore-Taluks of Udayagiri, Kanigiri, Podili, Darsi and Chittalur and Dachur firkas of Rapur taluk.	-do-
Salem-Tiruchengode and Rasipur taluks.....	-do-
West Godavari-Ellore, Chintalapudi, Kovvur and Polavaram taluks.	-do-

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Districts.	Maximum Subsidy.
Kistna-Nandigama, Gannavaram, Nuzvid, Kirur taluks, Bezwada, Mylavaram and Kondapalli firkas of Bezwada taluk.	Rs.750 for new wells.
Coimbatore - Whole of the District.	-do-
East Godavari-Taluks of Bhadrachalam, Nugur and Yellavaram, upland villages in Rajahmundry taluk, Peddapur, Tuni and Pithapuram.	-do-
Guntur-Narasaraopet, Vinukonda, Sattenapalle and palnad taluks.	-do-
Other areas... ...	Rs.500 for new wells

In the case of tanks (new and old) in South Kanara and Malabar, however, if the cost exceeds Rs.1,000 the Collector will have discretion to sanction a subsidy equal to half the cost upto a limit of Rs.1,000 and the Board of Revenue will have similar powers upto a limit of Rs.2,000. The subsidy will not exceed Rs.2,000 in any case.

5. The amount of subsidy will be advanced as a loan under the Land Improvement Loans Act in the first instance. It will be treated as subsidy only if the work is duly completed by 30-9-1949. Under no circumstances will this time for completion of works be extended. The disbursement of subsidies as loans will stop on 31-3-1949.

6. Except in the Ceded Districts and such other areas as have been approved by the Board of Revenue, subsidies will be advanced only for wells which are not likely to cost more than Rs.2,000. The assistance will also be restricted to wells which will have an ayacut of at least 1 acre and tanks which will have an ayacut of at least 10 acres. Subsidies will not be advanced in areas where the sub-soil water is known to be brackish or saline.

7. Before the subsidy is advanced, the site of the work will have to be inspected and approved by a Deputy Tahsildar or other officer empowered in this behalf. The officer who inspects the site should before approving it, satisfy himself that the work when completed will result in growing substantially more food.

8. The grant of subsidy as a loan will be subject also to the ryot furnishing adequate security as prescribed in the Takkavi Loans Rules. The loan will be free of interest for the first year. It will be repayable in 5 equal annual instalments. Repayment will, however, start only after 3 years.

9. A ryot to whom a subsidy has been advanced may also be given a loan for the balance of the cost of the work subject to the provisions of the Loans Rules. The loans so granted will also be free of interest of the first year and repayment will start only after 3 years.

10. The enquiries into the applications should be as swift and summary as are necessary for the collection of the information required to ascertain the bonafides and solvency of the applicant and to assess the value of the security offered by him. The elaborate enquiry prescribed in Forms 1,2 and 3 of the Loans (General) Rules should be dispensed with.

11. Any ryot who is eligible for a takkavi loan equal to the amount of the subsidy will also be eligible for assistance under this scheme. No distinction will be made between the well-to-do and the poorer ryots.

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12. A well or tank, to be deemed to be duly completed, should be properly revetted with stone or brick provided that in special cases where wells are sunk in hard soil and do not consequently require to be revetted this rule may, in the discretion of the officer concerned, be relaxed.

13. On satisfactory completion of the work within the prescribed time, namely by 30.9.49, the ryot will be required to give an undertaking in the form appended to this order agreeing to grow only food-crops under the work during the next 3 years. Food crops for the purposes of this scheme will include vegetables and such other crops as may be approved by the Collector. On the ryot's giving the undertaking, the loan bond already executed by him will be cancelled and the amount advanced will be treated as subsidy.

14. The Collectors are requested to see that wide publicity is given to the details of the scheme in all possible ways in all parts of their respective districts.

15. The Director of Agriculture is requested to instruct the officers of the Agriculture Department to co-operate with the Revenue Department, to the extent possible in the working of the scheme and also to give all possible assistance to the ryots in the selection of sites for wells and tanks and in the procurement of the necessary implements and machinery.

16. The Government desire to impress upon the revenue officers the need for careful and frequent inspection. If at any time during the war, such inspection had become slack, it should now be enphasised that the well scheme should have high priority for the attention of all officers. The progress of the works ~~shou~~ should be closely watched. Inspection by the Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars should be strict and frequent and every effort should be made to speed up progress. A fair percentage of the works should be inspected by the Rural Development Officers. The Collectors are also requested to inspect as many works as possible.

17. The tanks in the districts of South Kanara and Malabar should have the minimum dimension of 20' x 20' and should irrigate at least 10 acres of land.

18. The Government wish to point out that subsidies should not be thrown away on wells which are not deep enough or broad enwough for the purpose in view. The dimensions of the well should be fixed with reference to the water table in each locality and clearly embodied in the order granting the subsidy or loan. The Collectors are given the discretion to fix the actual dimensions for each taluk leaving some discretion to the local Tahsildar as conditions may vary from village to village. The discretion should be exercised subject to the conditions that the well dug must be at least 8 yards in depth and should have not less than 9 feet of water even during the height of summer.

19. The target of wells fixed for the whole province under the New Well Subsidy Scheme during 1947-48 was 37,500. The taget for the year 1948-49 may be fixed at 25,000 in view of the increased subsidy now sanctioned. The Board is requested to distribute this number to the several districts according to the requirements of each and to report to the Government the targets so fixed for each district. In making the distribution, the Board is requested to see that more attention is paid to Districts which have not benefited adquately under the previous Well Subsidy Schemes, regard being had to the general principle laid down in para 2 above.

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20. The Government consider that the inspection of works by the regular or special staff for the area is not enough to speed up progress and to check malpractices and that more efficient check should be provided by the employment of a special mobile inspection staff of Deputy Tahsildars who will go about constantly and make surprise inspections in different areas of the district. The Board is requested to submit proposals for the employment of such special staff in each district at an early date. In its Ref.No.V.Spl.9621/48-1 dated 2.3.1948, the Board has submitted proposals for the appointment of a special officer in the grade of Collector and 8 Deputy Collectors, clerks and peons. The proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

Sd/-xxxxxxxxxxxxx,
V.K.R.
5-3-1948.

To the Board of Revenue.
To All Collectors (except Madras)
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Copy to the Finance (Ways and Means) Department.
Copy to the Food Department.
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Copy to the Secretary Hindu Religious Endowment Board.
Copy to Finance (Exp.A) Department
Copy to the Regional Food Commissioner, Madras.
" " " A.G. Mrs finance

APPENDIX

Form of undertaking to be obtained from the ryot to whom a subsidy is advanced under the Well Subsidy Scheme the extention of which for another year has been sanctioned in G.O.No.1082 dated 6-5-1948 on completion of the work .

1. The sum of Rs.....(Rupees..... only) which was advanced to.....caste/calling.....son of..... residing at .....(and the duly constituted guardian of..... ..... son of .....residing at..... a minor of the age of .....years) as a takkavi loan for sinking a new well/constructing a new tank/repairing or improving an old tank, under the Well Subsidy Scheme extended in G.O.No.1082 dated 6-5-1948 in R.S.No.....of.....village.....taluk..... ....district.....is hereby treated as a subsidy, the work for which the said sum was advanced having been duly completed, subject to the condition that in the area irrigated by the well/tank the grantee shall raise food crops and shall not raise any crops other than food crops in the season immediately following, and for period of three years after the completion of the said work.

2. If the grantee fails to abide by the abovesaid condition, the amount of the subsidy shall be liable to summary recovery, with interest and costs, as an arrear of land revenue.

Designation.
(Officer competent to sanction the subsidy)

I have understood and agree to the terms state above.

Signature of the ryot to whom the subsidy is paid.

/True copy/

A. Thiagarajan 29-1-54

Office Assistant,
Madras Record Office.

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5/1/54